

Timely Advice,

From the Major part of the old

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In the

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To all the rest of our Fellow

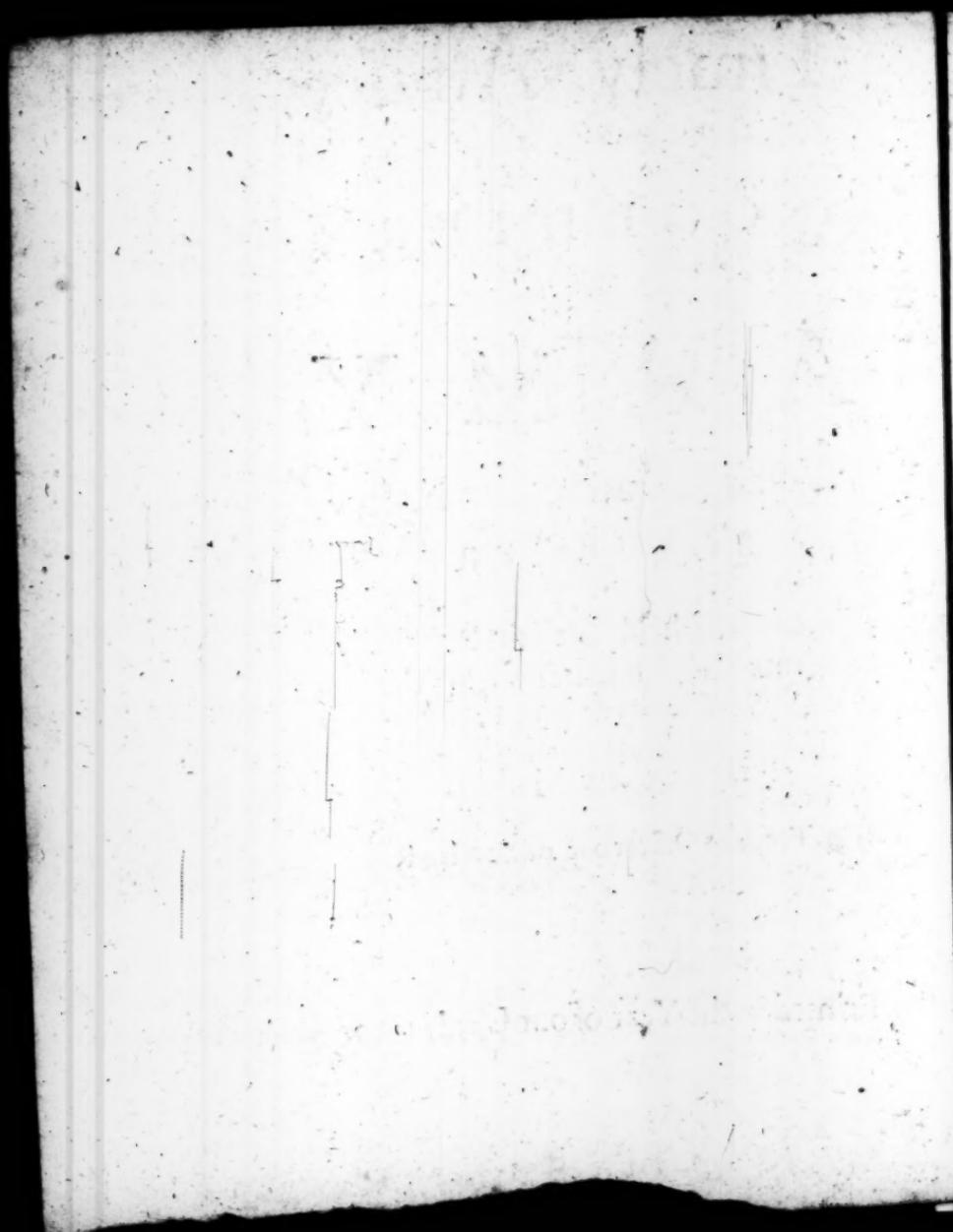
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Wherein is held forth the Politically
intended Destruction of the
whole S O U L D I E R Y

By our new Masters.

From an Officer out of Scotland.

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Brethren and Fellow-Souldiers,

Upon the serious and sober review of all our pristine magnanimous, and undaunted Actions in the Army in time of Warre, And that while we were all unanimous and zealous for the common good and welfare of this Nation, We were a Terror to all our Enemies round about, though now become a laughing-stock to all our enemies that see our inconstancies, whom nothing can please ; but what we cry upto day, we cry down to morrow, onely led thereunto by the Capricious brains of a few weak single persons, Who without us, are nothing; yet we looke not into our own Abilities and Power, but like heedlesse Children cast our dearly bought Honour at our heeles : So we are emptied from' Vessel to Vessel, and every day made more and more Slaves to to our own Countrey-men, which is as dis-honourable in every true English man to suffer, as it is unworthy in them to impose ; and yet all must be done politically, under pretence of Religion, and the Liberties, and Priviledges of the People, when dayly Experience shewes us, that nothing lesse is intended: Is it not then a shame the Power and

change of Government being in us, that we cannot see and prevent our own Ruine and Destruction: when every Man can clearly discern the Face of Fallacies, in the Glasse of his own Woes, and that we are headlong running to Confusion. In the abundance therefore of our zeal and Cordiall Love towards the rest of You our Fellow-sufferers, and Souldiers in the Army, We have thought very fit to acquaint you, as well with what we have Discovered, and Collected from the Actings of our Superiours, as our resolutions to let loose the Raines of our Power and Libertie. For it is not a Time for our Superiours to strive who shall be Greatest, and perpetuate themselves a Multitude of Princes, Feeding upon the Ruines of the People, and Fat of the Nation, when We, our Families, Wives, and Children, and all that is neare and deare unto us, may beg, starve, and perish: Therefore as stout Souldiers, whet and rowse up your Spirits, Let us not any longer with great Words be overawed, like Doggs with a Cudgell.

It is well known that we are all very much in Arreare of Pay, And that the Monethly Taxes have been paid before-hand, with the Excise in all the Counties, Customes, Delinquents Estates, besides many other Advantages, whereby farre greater summs have been

been rayfed, then would satisfie all our Arrears, through want whereof, our Wives and Children have been so much destitute of Bread and Drinke, that we have been forced to sell and pawn what we had for Bread to satisfie their hungry stomacks; yet no care or provision is made for our payment by our present Masters, who will still exact Taxes, though they distract Trading, and make many thousand Beggers, as well in the City, as Countrey; nor care they how despicable, or to what extremities they expose us, so they make themselves great.

In the time of *Oliver* late Protector, ther was constantly some reasonable time taken for payment of us: And doe but consider how carefull was *Richard* the Protector, for paying off all our Arrears to which purpose he was very earnest with the late Parliament, and they thereunto with him did Comply, so that we are truely sensible to have been paid off cleare, before this time, if they had been suffered to sit, for which we now repent at our own weaknesse, in suffering the Dissolution thereof, by a few Ambitious self-ended persons, who dayly studie new Formes of Government thereby to Advance themselves, though to the ruine of a Nation: When time and experience hath taught all Ages, that a Government in a single person lawfully

lawfully Elected, is most safe, most for the
ease and appeal of the Oppressed, most Ho-
nourable, most Peaceable, most Heaven-like;
and most Contentaneous to an English
heart.

That we well understand the Resolves and
Intentions of Parliament, are first to settle
the Militia, as stawking Horses for them, the
the better to catch their Game, then after that,
either to send us beyond Seas, out of our Na-
tive Countrey, to be destroyed like Vaga-
bonds in a strange Countrey at their pleasures,
Contrary to the Libertie of Free-born Peo-
ple, or else Disband us at Home, and leave
us with our Wives and Children to beg our
Bread in our own Nation, where we shall be
quickly destroyed and our Posterities, by
such as have been, and are inveterate En-
emies to us and the Common-wealth; And
which shall be all our reward, after shedding
of so much bloud as hath been lost, for regaining
our lost Liberties; And therefore is it not
pertinent we all in time provide for our own
safetie, which we shall never enjoy without
the Government of a single person, our abso-
lute and chief preservation?

That *Richard* Protector, nominated by his
late Father, according to the humble Ad-
vice, Chosen and Proclaimed, by Consent of
Councell, Parliament and Army, is undoubt-
edly

edly the Lawfull Successive Goverour over these Nations, and acknowledged by the many Addresses from most Counties and Corporations in England, and also from the Armies in Scotland and Ireland, looking upon him as their Lawfull and Supreme Goverour, which we are Unanimously resolved to maintain, being well assured of the City of Londons Faithfull Complyance with us ; And doe therefore require your willingnes, and undaunted Spirits of Assistance to joyn with us.

That we are not resolved to passe any Musters, (though we may draw to the Field the better to be informed of all your freeness, and willingnesse herein) untill our present Masters shall, and have paid all the Arreares due unto us.

That so soon as the Lord *Henry Cromwell*, shall appear with an Army in England, We are, and shall be generally resolved to joyn with Him, for Re-establishing *Richard*, Lord Protector, in which Resolution we hope you will be as free to joyn with us as the Citie ; And chiefly it being the onely way for all our Advancements, and Preservations of our selves and you, yours, and your Wives and Children from the intended Destructions.

And

And lastly, The whole Countrie being generally sensible, our new and present Masters act no good or settlement of Trade in the Common wealth, nor for relief of the Oppressed; We are resolved to Dissolve them (without advice or consent of Officer) at such time as shall be concluded upon at our next generall meeting, having many thousands with and about the Citie in readinesse to joyn with us; And doe thare desire your Appearance and Compliance at the time, for doth not the power of change of any Government rest upon us? Then let us act like Men and Christians, not fearing any, so shall we bring a settled Government in a single person again, and perfect Libertie as Free-born People, whch at present is enjoyed but by some particular persons.

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